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Attached is response to DIA  
memo on FBIS Modernization per  
your request.

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Requirements for Foreign Broadcast Information Service Materials

**FROM:**R. E. Hineman  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Foreign Intelligence  
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
Materials

REFERENCE: Your Memo, dtd 24 Mar 86, Same Subject

1. The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) is committed to serving its consumers, especially DIA, historically a major customer for FBIS products. Your memorandum comes at a good time. The DCI Information Handling Committee (IHC) is currently evaluating a number of recommendations to improve processing and distribution of open source material within the Intelligence Community. Your requirements fall well within the scope of the IHC initiative. In parallel with this activity in which we both participate FBIS has begun an assessment of your requirements.

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2. With regard to your request for JPRS material, [ ] the FBIS Automation program manager, is investigating its delivery as individual messages. She will be the point of contact for all technical matters.

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3. On format, FBIS welcomes the opportunity to work with you to examine possible format changes which will make the products more useful in an electronic environment. Regarding message zoning, many of the zone elements are already included in specified areas on FBIS messages transmitted from field bureaus. Of course it often is not possible to identify such things as speaker or author. On the other hand, FBIS field bureaus do code items for a specific DAILY REPORT book and section, based on the source of the item. This initial decision is sometimes changed by the editorial staff, however. FBIS is sending [ ] a list of current DAILY REPORT section headings and book and section codes, as well as the list of standard JPRS serial publications that may be of help in searching data bases for FBIS material.

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4. FBIS is willing to work with DIA in attempting to develop a list of standard labels such as "border incident" or "official visit" to be placed in a specified format area. [ ] should contact [ ] regarding possible coordination.

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5. Regarding tables of contents, FBIS already translates them from a limited number of communist journals, but does not have the resources to expand this effort. Transmitting the tables of contents of JPRS and DAILY REPORT books as electrical messages is a possibility that will be looked into, however.

6. I would like to repeat our willingness to work with you in making FBIS products more useful and encourage the continuing contact between [ ] and FBIS.

**R. E. Hineman**  
**Deputy Director for Science and Technology**

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9 April 1986

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Evan feels we should send a reply  
recognizing the DIA memo. Thanks,

  
Gary W. Goodrich



**DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
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**24 MAR 1986**

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CIA**

**SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
Materials**

1. DIA strongly supports the modernization program currently underway at the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS). The open source materials provided by FBIS represent an important input to intelligence production within DIA and the use of this material is growing as a result of its availability on the DIA SAFE system. Dr. Ellen Jones, the point-of-contact within the Directorate on this program, has surveyed the analytical elements in order to identify the requirements we would like to see addressed in your modernization program.

2. Regarding format, i.e., individual message or an electronic version of the FBIS/JPRS books, our survey of analytical needs within the Directorate for Foreign Intelligence indicates that DIA analysts value the comprehensiveness and timeliness offered by individual message format dissemination. Therefore, we would like to continue to receive FBIS field traffic electronically, as we do at present, and once the JPRS materials become available in soft-copy, these would be preferred in individual message format as well.

3. The format of both FBIS and JPRS messages is critical to the usability of the material. A structured message will enable DIA to make maximum use of the material through the DIA SAFE system in which all of the FBIS/JPRS messages will be stored. Most desirable would be a message structure formatted in accordance with the Standard for Community Intelligence Reporting Format, DCI Intelligence Information Handling Committee, 16 April 1982, as amended. That standard allows for the necessary identification material to be easily accessed by SAFE while still allowing for a great deal of flexibility in the substantive content of the message. DIA would react very favorably if the following items are included as individual zones/subzones of each message:

- Country of origin (the place of publication/broadcast)
- Subject country (the country or countries the article is about)
- Author/speaker
- Source
- Date
- Headline
- Title of book in which the item will be published

- Section/subsection of book (chapter headings)
- Language
- Title of article
- Subslug

4. Many intelligence elements are applying advanced techniques associated with automated message handling. DIA, as well as the Community as a whole, would benefit from standardization of message headlines. We are eager to work with the FBIS staff to develop a list of standards that could be applied because standardization is so essential for electronic searching. Standardized headline examples that would greatly assist DIA users of FBIS materials include the following: "political bio," "military bio," "border incident," "official visit," "unrest," "election," "terrorism," "Politburo meeting," "defectors." These examples do not, of course, represent an exhaustive list.


5. It would also be helpful if FBIS applied the chapter headings currently used for the USSR Daily Report and Soviet JPRS books to each of the FBIS/JPRS messages regardless of country. This would provide an excellent aid to searching and profiling.

6. Updated (if possible, on-line) lists of standard headlines and chapter headings would assist in profile creation and retrospective searches of FBIS materials on the DIA SAFE system.

7. Transmitting the tables of contents of both JPRS and FBIS books as individual electrical messages would also be beneficial. To assist FBIS analysts in selecting what to have translated, it is suggested that journal tables of contents and book tables of contents be translated and output as an individual message, so DIA analysts could identify those articles/chapters, in which they were interested, and contact the FBIS analyst to have it translated.

8. My action officer for representing DIA's analytical needs to FBIS will continue to be Dr. Ellen Jones, 373-4049.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

  
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Deputy Director for  
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